

Permanency

Objective: Decrease length of stay without increasing re-entry

Measured by: Length of time to achieve permanency goal of reunification

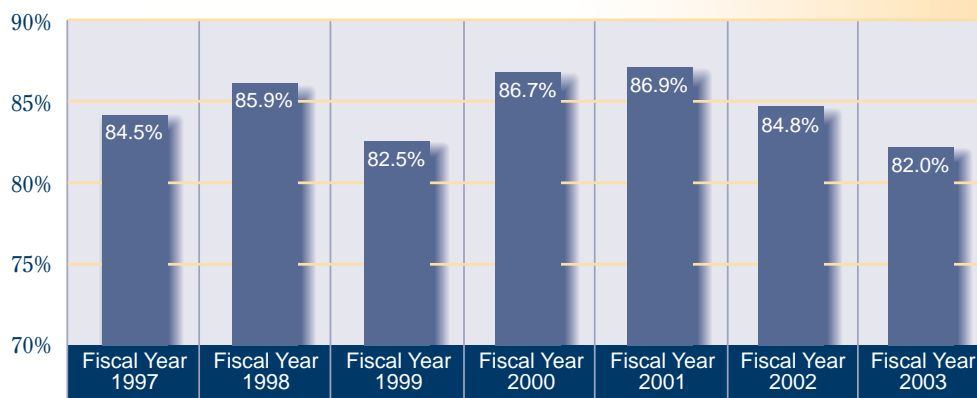
As it becomes evident that reunification is in the best interest of a child or sibling group, the administration makes every effort to facilitate the reunification process quickly.

However, family unity must never come at the cost of a child's safety; therefore, CA employs a variety of safety strategies and community supports in securing the safety of children and stability of families involved.

Safety assessments, safety plans, reunification assessments, service agreements and various family support services have all contributed to a timely reunification rate of between 82.5 and 86.9 percent over the seven year period reported.

The decline in the past two years may be attributed to the implementation of a more formalized safety assessment and planning process.

Percent of Reunifications in Less than 12 Months*



* Percent of children reunified with their parents within 12 months of placement in out-of-home care.

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